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Item No. 1.1
Regional Centre Community Council
December 9, 2024

TO: Chair and Members of Regional Centre Community Council

FROM: Brad Anguish, Commissioner of Operations

DATE: November 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Regional Centre Community Council – 2024 Annual Report

ORIGIN

The Legislative Assistant maintains a record of the Community Council's business for all annual meetings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The information contained in this report is a high-level summary of the activities and actions taken at Regional Centre Community Council during December 13, 2023 and November 18, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Centre Community Council table the 2024 Regional Centre Community Council Annual Report as presented.

BACKGROUND

Regional Centre Community Council was established on December 3, 2019 by Administrative Order 48, *the Community Council Administrative Order*.

The Regional Centre Community Council includes the following districts:

- District 3 - Dartmouth South - Woodside - Eastern Passage
- District 5 - Dartmouth Centre
- District 6 - Harbourview - Burnside
- District 7 - Halifax South Downtown
- District 8 - Halifax Peninsula North
- District 9 - Halifax West Armdale

DISCUSSION

Regional Centre Community Council met 6 times between December 13, 2023 and November 18, 2024, virtually via Zoom, and in person.

Regional Centre Community Council met on the following dates:

- December 13, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- July 24, 2024
- August 12, 2024
- September 4, 2024

Regional Centre Community Council's business for the period of December 13, 2023 and November 18, 2024 included the following:

- 2 public hearings;
- 1 variance appeal hearings;
- 4 staff reports;
- 0 report from Board and Committees;
- 0 motions from a Community Council member;
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council;
- 0 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 0 presentations;
- 1 speaker during public participation;
- 5 information reports; and
- 0 Private and confidential In Camera (In Private) reports.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

January 24, 2024:

2023-00462: Regional Centre Land Use By-Law Annual Review 2023

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Regional Centre Community Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-Law, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 20, 2023 except that section 40 of Attachment A is amended by striking out the word "east" and replacing it with "west".

September 4, 2024:

2024-01201: Regional Centre LUB Housekeeping Amendments

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Regional Centre Community Council the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-Law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 26, 2024.

Variance Hearings were held on the following matters:

July 24, 2024:

Case VAR-2024-00642: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 3162 Ralston Avenue, Halifax, PID 00205211

Motion approved that Regional Centre Community Council allow the appeal - decision of the Development Officer was overturned.

Public Participation:

Members of public spoke to wide range of Municipal matters including pedestrian safety in parks and protection of park spaces.

Additional information on the matters dealt with by Community Council and the minutes of the meetings can be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications at this time.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meetings of the Regional Centre Community Council are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Community Committee for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Community Council are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Centre Community Council could choose not to table the 2024 Annual Report. This is not the recommended action.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, SNS 2008, c 39:

25 The powers and duties of a community council include

- (a) monitoring the provision of services to the community and recommending the appropriate level of services, areas where additional services are required and ways in which the provision of services can be improved;
- (b) the establishment of one or more advisory committees;
- (c) recommending to the Council appropriate by-laws, regulations, controls and development standards for the community;
- (d) recommending to the Council appropriate user charges for the different parts of the community;
- (e) making recommendations to the Council respecting any matter intended to improve conditions in

the community including, but not limited to, recommendations respecting

(i) inadequacies in existing services provided to the community and the manner in which they might be resolved, additional services that might be required and the manner in which the costs of funding these services might be raised, and

(ii) the adoption of policies that would allow the people of the community to participate more effectively in the governance of the community; and

(f) making recommendations to the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council.

27 (1) A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate.

Administrative Order One, *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, Schedule 8 Community Council Rules of Governing Procedures.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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